

From: [Wolfe, Stephen](#)
To: [Ropski, Carol](#); [Martwick, Cathleen](#); [Suero, Maryann](#)
Subject: FW: New Assignment - Control AX-13-000-9923 regarding Clyde
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2013 12:04:46 PM
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[AX-13-000-9923 Incoming.pdf](#)

All,

Just an FYI so you are aware this is out there – I am not asking you to do anything

Whatever the last copy that I get looks like – I will send it to you

Thanks,

Steve Wolfe

From: Lauren Bumba [mailto:Bumba.Lauren@epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** SFDIO@epa.gov
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 11:40
To: Wolfe, Stephen; Durno, Mark
Cc: El-Zein, Jason; Mcseveney, Megan; SFDIO
Subject: New Assignment - Control AX-13-000-9923 regarding Clyde

Attached is the incoming letter, sign-off sheet, and control slip for:

Control #: AX-13-000-9923

Addressee: Mr. Alan Mortensen

Subject: Promise to **Nonresponsive** and **Nonresponsive** made by Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding Clyde,
Ohio Childhood Cancer Cluster

DUE IN SFDIO: September 24, 2013

Due Date: September 26, 2013

Please begin drafting a response for Rick's signature. If you have any questions, respond to this message or contact the SFD immediate office at 3-9773.

Thank you,

Lauren Bumba
SFD IO

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Superfund Division Controlled Correspondence for Division Director's Signature

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Assigned Staff: Steve Wolfe

Phone: 440-250-1718

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Re: Promise to **Nonresponsive** and **Nonresponsive**, made by Administrator Lisa Jackson
Clyde, Ohio Childhood Cancer Cluster

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Congratulations on your new position as the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. I send you this letter in the spirit of September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

I represent several of the families involved in a childhood cancer cluster in Clyde, Ohio. These children include:

Nonresponsive

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September 3, 2013

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The national average of childhood cancer for a population of 100,000 people is 32.2 children. <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/uscs/childhoodcancerbyprimarysite.aspx>. The total number of children in the Clyde Cluster area is 4,206 children based upon the 2010 census. Based upon the population of the Clyde area, one would expect approximately 1.35 children to get cancer. 43 children have gotten cancer.

The Ohio Department of Health, in conjunction with the James Cancer Hospital at Ohio State University, have performed a study that has demonstrated that there is a 95% probability that the cancer cluster has been caused by an external environmental factor.

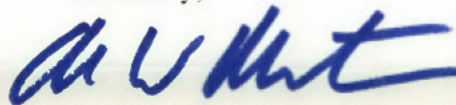
Alexa Brown's parents, Warren and Wendy Brown met with Susan Hedman, the US EPA Region 5 Director, two years ago in Fremont, Ohio. The Brown's then sent a letter to President Obama explaining the dire situation in Clyde. Your predecessor, Administrator Lisa Jackson sent a letter to the [Nonresponsive] family, promising to travel to Clyde to meet with the [Nonresponsive]s and other community members to discuss the results of the EPA's investigations. I have attached a copy of the letter. She never fulfilled that promise much to the great disappointment of the families..

On behalf of the families involved in this horrible childhood cancer cluster, we invite you to travel to Clyde and meet with the victims' families and to also meet with the citizens of Sandusky County, and assure them that their town is safe, or will be made safe, from any cancer causing pollutants.

It is our hope that you will keep the EPA pushing for answers, and that you will come to Clyde to see for yourself the dump sites and more importantly, the victims.

On behalf of our clients, we appreciate your diligent attention to these matters and hope you will fulfill the promise made by Administrator Lisa Jackson.

Sincerely,



Alan W. Mortensen

Enclosure



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nonresponsive:

I thank you for sharing your memories of your beloved daughter, Nonresponsive, in your poignant letter to President Barack Obama, who asked me to respond to your letter. I offer you and your family my deepest sympathy as you endure this great loss.

I also want to convey my appreciation for your efforts to promote full funding of the Caroline Pryce Walker Act of 2008 and for your support for Senate Bill 76, the Strengthening Protections for Children and Communities from Disease Clusters Act. Given President Obama's support of the Caroline Pryce Walker Act, I am certain that he would like to see it fully funded. That decision and decisions about passage of Senate Bill 76 are, however, in the hands of Congress.

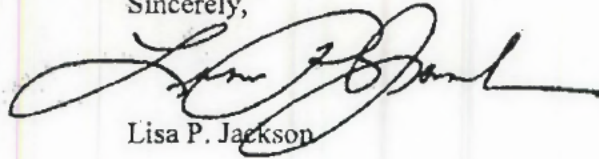
While we await congressional action, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking steps to assess environmental risks in Sandusky County. Immediately after meeting with you last month, EPA Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman assigned investigators to review the history of industrial facilities and dump sites near Clyde. These investigators are working with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to collect samples to be used to assess current conditions and to determine whether federal action is warranted. The investigators are especially interested in any information that community members might have on the Clyde Dump and other dump sites in the area. If you would like to speak with EPA investigators, I encourage you to arrange an interview through the Sandusky County Health Department.

Dr. Peter Orris, the environmental health consultant who attended the Clyde meeting with Ms. Hedman, has returned to Sandusky County to gather information about land-use characteristics and other geospatial characteristics of the area. Dr. Orris is also working with state and local agencies to review the environmental and health data collected as part of the childhood-cancer studies that they conducted during the past several years. He is seeking to determine whether there are any additional analyses of this data that might yield new information about possible sources of environmental risk.

During the coming months, I will be closely following the EPA's work in Sandusky County and look forward to traveling to Clyde to meet with you and other community members to discuss the results of our investigation.

In the meantime, once again, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Alexa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa P. Jackson', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa P. Jackson



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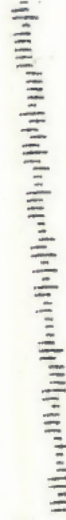
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